



TRANSITIONING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

PARENT NIGHT

5th Grade
January 25, 2022

Agenda

- Diploma Tracks (Endorsement Options)
 - New Graduation Requirements for Incoming Freshman 2021-2022
 - Course Sequencing
- MajorClarity (Individual Success Plan, ISP)
 - Components of Major Clarity
- Academic Counseling Session
- Class/ Schedule (6th Graders)
 - Electives at various middle schools
- Choice Cards
- Active Students
- GPA (It's important now)
 - May start receiving credits in the 7th grade
- Credits Earned
- Career and Technical Educational Center
- Tips for Success
- Suggestions for Parents
- Questions/Concerns

Why choosing the right endorsement option is important?

- **Why does Mississippi offer different diploma endorsement options?**
 - The endorsement options are part of a statewide effort to increase college and career opportunities for all students. One of the top goals of the Mississippi State Board of Education is for every student to graduate from high school prepared for college and career. Students who earn an endorsement demonstrate they have exceeded the minimum requirements to graduate from high school.
- **How can students make sure they select an endorsement that fits their skills and interests and stay on track throughout high school to successfully earn the endorsement?**
 - Before the end of grade 7, all students are required to have an Individual Success Plan (ISP). The ISP is a five-year career exploration plan that students complete with the help of a teacher or school counselor. The ISP helps students identify their career interests and plan a program of study that aligns with their career goals and leads to graduation. The ISP is reviewed and approved annually by the student, parent and educator.
- **Can students change their endorsement after it has been selected?**
 - Yes. Students can make changes to their endorsement plans with parental approval.
- **Can students pursue more than one endorsement?**
 - Yes. Students should work with their teachers and school counselors to select classes that will lead to their selected endorsements.
- **The academic and distinguished academic endorsements require students to complete advanced courses. What are the benefits of mastering Advanced Placement (AP) courses, International Baccalaureate courses or dual credit courses?**
 - These courses expose students to college-level material, which helps students prepare for the type of coursework they will be required to master in college. In addition, AP and dual credit courses save on future tuition costs because they allow students to earn college credit while in high school.



Mississippi High School Diploma and Endorsement Options Requirements for Class of 2022

- Starting in 2018-19, all 9th graders will choose whether they want to work toward a Traditional Diploma, or take additional classes to earn an academic, distinguished academic or career and technical education endorsement.
- Each diploma option will prepare students to be successful after graduation, whether that be in the workforce, the military, a career and technical training program or college.
- Beginning with the class of 2022, students who earn an academic or distinguished academic diploma endorsement from a public high school will automatically qualify for admission into any of the state's public universities.





GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Begins with incoming freshmen of 2021-2022

Mississippi has two diploma options: The Traditional Diploma and the Alternate Diploma. The Traditional Diploma is for all scholars. The Alternate Diploma is an option for scholars with a Significant Cognitive Disability (SCD).

TRADITIONAL DIPLOMA OPTION

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry
Science	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology I
Social Studies	3½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
College and Career Readiness	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must occur in the scholar's junior or senior year, or in the scholar completion of a 4-year sequence.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Additional Electives	5 ½	Must include one year of foreign language.
Total Units Required	24	

Requirements

- The scholar should identify an endorsement area prior to entering 9th grade. Endorsement requirements can only be changed with parental permission.
- For early release, scholars must have met College or Career Readiness Benchmarks (ACT sub-scores 17 English and 19 Math or earned a Silver level on ACT WorkKeys or SAT equivalency sub-scores). Alternately, a scholar must meet ALL of the following:
 - Have a 2.5 GPA
 - Passed or met all MAAP assessments requirements for graduation
 - On track to meet diploma requirements
 - Concurrently enrolled in Essentials for College Math and/or Essentials for College Literacy
- For early graduation, a scholar must successfully complete an area of endorsement.
- A scholar should take a math or math equivalent course their senior year if they did not meet a 22 sub-score on the math section of the ACT.

ALTERNATE DIPLOMA OPTION

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternate English Elements I-IV
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternate Math Elements I-III Alternate Algebra Elements
Science	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternate Biology Elements Alternate Science Elements II
Social Studies	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternate History Elements (Strands: U.S. History and World History) Alternate Social Studies Elements (Strands: Economics and U.S. Government)
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternate Health Elements
Arts	1	
Career Readiness	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Readiness I-IV (Strands: Technology, Systems, Employability, and Social)
Life Skills Development	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Skills Development I-IV (Strands: Technology, Systems, Personal Care, and Social)
Additional Electives	2	
Total Units Required	24	

Requirements

- The Alternate Diploma is not equivalent to a traditional high school diploma and is not recognized by postsecondary entities that require a traditional high school diploma.
- All scholars are required to participate in the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program-Alternate (MAAP-A) with a score TBD.
- The scholars who have met the criteria on their IEP for having a Significant Cognitive Disability (SCD) may participate in a program of study to earn the Alternate Diploma.

Traditional Diploma Endorsement Options

Scholars pursuing a Traditional Diploma should identify an endorsement prior to entering ninth grade. There are three endorsement options: Career and Technical, Academic, and Distinguished Academic Endorsement.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL ENDORSEMENT

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry
Science	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology I
Social Studies	3½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
College and Career Readiness	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must occur in the scholar's junior or senior year, or in the scholar completion of a 4-year sequence.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
CTE Electives	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must complete a four-course sequential program of study
Additional Electives	5 ½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must include one year of foreign language.
Total Units Required	26	

Additional Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of 2.5.
- Earn Silver level on ACT WorkKeys.
- Earn two additional Carnegie Units for a total of 26.
- Must successfully complete one of the following:
 - One CTE dual credit or earn articulated credit in the high school CTE course
 - Work-Based Learning experience or Career Pathway Experience
 - Earn a State Board of Education-approved national credential
 - One (1) AP, Diploma Program-IB, or Cambridge (AICE) course aligned to their career pathway. Students must earn a C or higher and take the appropriate exam

ACADEMIC ENDORSEMENT

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I + two (2) additional math courses above Algebra I
Science	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology I + two (2) additional science courses above Biology I
Social Studies	3½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
College and Career Readiness	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must occur in the scholar's junior or senior year, or in the scholar completion of a 4-year sequence.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Additional Electives	7 ½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must meet 2 advanced electives of the CPC requirements for MS IHLs. Must include one year of foreign language.
Total Units Required	26	

Additional Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of 2.5.
- Two (2) elective courses must meet Mississippi IHL college preparatory curriculum (CPC).
- Earn Mississippi IHL and community college readiness benchmarks (ACT sub-scores 17 English and 19 Math as approved by postsecondary for non-remediation at most community colleges and IHL college-ready courses in senior year, or the SAT equivalency sub-score).
- Earn two additional Carnegie Units for a total of 26.
- Must successfully complete one of the following:
 - One AP course with a C or higher and take the appropriate AP exam
 - One Diploma Program-IB course with a C or higher and take the appropriate IB exams
 - One academic dual credit course with a C or higher in the course

DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ENDORSEMENT

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I + two (2) additional math courses above Algebra I
Science	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology I + two (2) additional science courses above Biology I
Social Studies	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
College and Career Readiness	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must occur in the scholar's junior or senior year, or in the scholar completion of a 4-year sequence.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Additional Electives	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must meet 2 advanced electives of the CPC requirements for MS IHLs. Must include one year of a foreign language.
Total Units Required	28	

Additional Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of 3.0.
- Two (2) elective courses must meet Mississippi IHL college preparatory curriculum (CPC).
- Earn national college readiness benchmarks on each subtest established by ACT of 18 in English and 22 in Math or SAT equivalency sub-score.
- Earn four additional Carnegie Units for a total of 28.
- Must successfully complete one of the following:
 - One AP course with a B or higher and take the appropriate AP exam
 - One Diploma Program-IB course with a B or higher and take the appropriate IB exams
 - One academic dual credit course with a B or higher in the course



What is an Individual Success Plan

- What is an Individual Success Plan (ISP)?
 - The ISP is a process NOT a document
 - It is a five-year career exploration plan
 - Process Standard 14.1.4 states: “Beginning in school year 2018-2019, all seventh-grade students are required to have an individual Success Plan (ISP) prior to exiting the seventh grade.”
 - Counselors, parents and students will revisit and revise their ISPs every year during the student’s Academic Counseling Session.



MajorClarity (ISP)

- MajorClarity helps ensure that every student's education leads to a successful career outcome, whether through a liberal arts degree or jumping straight into the workforce. Students only retain 10% of what they read, but through exclusive and interactive content, MajorClarity's platform has led to a **189% increase in students building career aligned course plans** of study.
- Students use MajorClarity to take various assessments and to create their ISP (Individual Success Plan) to help create their educational plan for either college, the workforce, trade school or the military.






Components of MajorClarity

- Personality Assessment
- Learning Styles Assessment
- Career Exploration
- Traditional Diploma and Endorsement Options (one must be selected)
- Academic Planning (what the student will take for each grade level from 7th-12th grade)
- Program of Study (what the student is interested in based upon their scores from the assessments)
- Financial Resources
- Scholarships



Personality Assessment

1. Select *Take the test*. After you complete it, review your results.

- If you agree with the statement, click the green heart icon. 
- If you disagree with the statement, click the red X icon. 
- If you are not sure whether you agree or disagree, click maybe 


2. Explore your traits based on the test. You may reset the assessment (which will give you new results) or select *Continue*.


*If you are interested, you may take the Learning Styles Assessment, to see what kind of learner you are.




<https://youtu.be/sPYHZQqfHjk>

Getting Started


Assessment


Information


Finish

Welcome to MajorClarity,

In order to recommend majors and careers for you to try out, we'll first ask you to complete a short, 5 minute personality test. Sound good?



[Skip this step](#) [Take the test](#)

Artistic ⓘ 50%	Social ⓘ 25%	Conventional ⓘ 8%
Enterprising ⓘ 8%	Investigative ⓘ 8%	Realistic ⓘ 0%

[Reset assessment](#)

[Continue](#)

Learning Styles Assessment

1. Complete the Learning Styles Assessment by deciding if each statement is usually true for you.
 - If you disagree, click 
 - If you agree, click 
2. After you complete it, review your results.
3. Explore your styles based on the test. You may reset the assessment (which will give you new results) or select *Continue*.



Learning Styles Assessment

Find out more about your learning style by answering yes or no.

0/25 complete

Is this statement usually true for you?


When I make things for my studies, I remember what I have learned better.

Learning Styles Assessment

Thank you for completing this assessment.

Auditory Numerical ⓘ	Visual Linguistic ⓘ	Visual Numerical ⓘ
28%	22%	22%
Kinesthetic Combination ⓘ	Auditory Linguistic ⓘ	
17%	11%	



Career Exploration

1. When you reach the Career Exploration page, scroll down to take a look at the career paths that fit you best. Select a Career Cluster that you would like to explore (use highest “Fit Score” to start or search a career).
2. Click the star in the bottom right-hand corners to favorite the paths that you like the most.
3. “Do” activities (**Watch an Interview, Try an Activity and Score the Fit**)
4. “Connect” – watch the videos
5. “Careers for__” – you select the level of education you realistically want to obtain and explore careers based on that information.
6. Explore careers with various levels of education
7. Click to add career to your portfolio if it is something that interests you The more you do and explore, the more accurate your results will become!

<https://www.hashcut.com/v/xhodGm6>

Academic Counseling Session

- Professional School Counselors **aim to help students thrive academically, personally and socially, and assist them in exploring their options after high school.** ... Indirect student services include consultation and collaboration with parents or school staffers on behalf of the student and referrals.
 - Your child will have a scheduled time to meet with their assigned counselor, we are asking the parent(s) to attend the meeting also. It is important that all stakeholders are aware of the student's progress and if interventions are needed to support the student's success, the parent can provide their input as well.
- Your child will attend a minimum of 2 academic counseling sessions with their Professional School Counselor (one in the fall and one in the spring).
- Some items that are addressed in the session:
 - MajorClarity/ISP
 - Behavior
 - Attendance

School Schedules for 6th Graders

- Depending on Endorsement Option
 - Students should take courses to ensure they are able to achieve their chosen track.
 - It is imperative that parents, students and the counselors meet to discuss the student's academic plan each year (ISP).
- All 6th Graders will take:
 - Mathematics
 - Language Arts
 - Science
 - World History from Prehistoric Era to Age of Enlightenment

Electives offered at various middle schools

- Bailey
 - Visual Arts
 - Choral Music
 - Band
 - Physical Education
- Blackburn
 - Band
 - Health Education
 - Learning Strategies
 - Music-Choral
 - Physical Education
 - Strings
 - Visual Arts-Middle
- Brinkley
 - Band
 - Health Education
 - General Music
 - Art
 - Learning Strategies
- Cardozo
 - Band
 - Physical Education
 - Health Education
 - Choral Music
 - Visual Arts
 - Learning Strategies
- Chastain
 - Band
 - Health Education
 - Learning Strategies
 - Choral Music
 - General Music
 - Physical Education
 - Study Skills

Electives offered at various middle schools

- Kirksey
 - Physical Education / Health
 - Visual Arts Middle
 - Choral Music
 - Band
- Northwest
 - IB MYP Art
 - IB MYP Band
 - IB MYP Choral Music
 - IB MYP French
 - IB MYP Physical Education
 - IB MYP Spanish
- Peeples
 - Band
 - Choral Music
 - Physical Education
 - Visual Arts Middle
- Powell
 - Band
 - Music/Choral
 - Visual Arts
 - Physical Education
 - JROTC
- Whitten
 - Band
 - Music/Choral
 - Visual Arts
 - Physical Education
 - Spanish

Choice Cards

- Students can select their courses for the 2022-2023 school year via active student.
 - Their main courses will be chosen for them (with adjustments being made, if necessary)
 - The student will select their electives in active student.



How to access Active Student

ACTIVE STUDENT

WEBSITE

jps.activestudent.net

USERNAME

last name + MSIS number without the leading zeros

PASSWORD

first initial + last name + **DAY** of birth

EXAMPLE #1

Student name: Sammy Rogers
Birthday: September 22, 2001
MSIS/Lunch number: 000123456

USERNAME: rogers123456
PASSWORD: srogers22

EXAMPLE #2

Student name: Sammy Rogers
Birthday: September 8, 2001
MSIS/Lunch number: 001012345

USERNAME: rogers1012345
PASSWORD: srogers8

Please see your counselor if you have trouble logging into ActiveStudent.



HOW GPA's are calculated

Weighted Quality GPA for Regular Courses

Letter Grade	Score	Quality Points
A	100-90	4.0
B	89-80	3.0
C	79-70	2.0
D	69-60	1.0
F	59 & below	0.0

Weighted Quality GPA for AP/IB/DC/DE Courses

Letter Grade	Score	Quality Points
A	100-90	5.0
B	89-90	4.0
C	79-70	3.0
D	69-60	2.0
F	59 & below	0.0



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Jackson Public Schools
Career Development Center



CTE COURSE OFFERINGS

There are 16 Career Clusters in the National Career Clusters Framework, representing 79 Career Pathways to help learners navigate their way to greater success in college and career. The Jackson Public Schools Career Development Center offers coursework in 12 of the Career Clusters in 18 Career pathways. These programs help learners discover their interests and their passions and empowers them to choose the educational pathway that can lead to success in high school, college and career.

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Agriculture and Environmental Science & Technology

ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION

- Construction Core/Carpentry
- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

ARTS, A/V TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS

- Digital Media Technology
- Simulation and Animation Design
- Television Broadcasting and Production

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Teacher Academy

HEALTH SCIENCE

- Health Science Core/Healthcare and Clinical Services (@CDC & Lanier High School)
- Health Science Core /Sports Medicine

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

- Culinary Arts

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HUMAN SERVICES

- Barbering
- Cosmetology
- Early Childhood Education

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

- Law and Public Safety (@Callaway High School)

MANUFACTURING

- Industrial Maintenance
- Welding

TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION & LOGISTICS

- Automotive Services Technician
- Collision Repair Technician
- Transportation Logistics

WORK BASED LEARNING

- Take charge of your education!
- Attend class. Do not assume that completing the lessons in canvas is enough.
- Have all your materials ready for class.
- Be proactive. Read ahead.
- Take notes during class.
- Ask questions. Don't be afraid to ask for help!
- Reread material after each lesson and re-watch videos.
- Study the material you want to learn.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Monitor social media accounts and limit the amount of time your teen spends online.
- Do random phone checks. You will learn a lot.
- Log into Active Parent to monitor his or her progress on assignments.
- Email your child's teacher with question(s) and follow up if you do not receive a response within 48 hours.
- Create a study schedule and reinforce lessons using free resources on the internet.
- Ask questions, if you are unsure how to help your child. Remember we have to work together for their success.

Suggestions for Parents



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Questions/Concerns